Supplementary Questions.

Mr. K. Ramakrishna Iyer.

Talukwar figures are not given in the reply

Revenue Secretary.

Talukwar figures were not asked for in the interpellation.

Mr. K. Ramakrishna Iyer.

No reply is given to my question sub-division (*d*).

Dewan.

We will enquire and furnish the information.

Mr K. Ramakrishna Iyer.

Out of Rs. 10,000 sanctioned for the restoration of tanks, Rs. 3,524 is shown as already spent. I want to know whether the amount spent was in connection with distress or with the usual annual restoration works ?

Dewan.

The question is now about distress. The presumption is that it relates to distress only.

MR. CHIKKACHANNANANJAPPA CHETTY, KOLAR TOWN.—

Q.—9. Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:—

(1) What is the estimated cost of laying out the light railway line from Bowringpet to Chikballapur? What is the amount sanctioned? What is the amount actually spent out of it? What is the Government share and what is the share of the District Board out of this amount?

(2) When was the Light Railway train first run to Chikballapur? What is the total capital outlay from that date up to the end of June 1923?

(3) Is it necessary to consult the District Board or to obtain their consent in order to increase the capital expenditure or to determine the said expenditure before actually incurring such expenditure?

(4) What is the District Board's share of the capital expenditure during the years 1922-23 and 1923-24? Were the District Board informed of the incurring of such

expenditure or was their consent obtained? If not, why was not their consent obtained?

(5) Have the District Board incurred any debts on account of providing funds necessary for the capital expenditure? If so what is the total amount of the debt so incurred up to the end of June 1923? If a time-limit has been prescribed for liquidating the debt, when?

(6) Have the Government found any means which would enable the District Board to liquidate the debts incurred by them by means of raising Railway debenture and other loans? How did Government grant permission to the District Board to incur debts before providing such means of liquidation? If any such means have been found, have the Board availed themselves of the same?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.— (*a*) and (*b*) Rs. 20,15,887. (Bowringpet-Kolar Railway Rs. 4,07,523 plus Kolar-Chikballapur Railway Rs. 16,08,364).

(*c*) Rs. 20,42,833.

(*d*) Rs. 10,21,416.

(*e*) Rs. 10,21,417.

2. (*a*) The light Railway train was first run to Chikballapur on 8th November 1916.

(*b*) Rs. 7,28,393.

3. The agreement with the Kolar District Board for working the Railway does not require previous consent being obtained. As per para 6 of the agreement, the Board has to be informed of the additional outlay on works carried out by Government for the safety of the public or efficient working of the line, but, however, estimates for capital works are sent for countersignature by the President of the Board.

4. (*a*) For 1922-23 .... Rs. 1,81,941
„ 1923-24 (up to end of February 1924) „ 2,276

(*b*) The President, District Board, has agreed to the incurring of this expenditure.

5. Yes.

The debt consists of 2 parts:—

First debenture loan	...	3 lakhs
Which was raised by	...	1 lakh
Second debenture loan	..	4 lakhs

Of these, the first loan was fully subscribed and only a sum of Rs. 48,000 was subscribed for the latter.

Advance was made by Government for the construction of the line as the amount of loan collection was invested in the Government of India Promissory Notes of the face value of 3 lakhs; the amount invested being Rs. 2,90,318.

In regard to total debt, exact information is not fully available.

A time limit has been prescribed, *viz.*, that the debt is repayable at the end of 25 years from the date of the opening of the line for public traffic.

6. The Government have allowed the Board to levy a Railway cess of 6 pies in the rupee on all items of revenue on which local cess is leviable. The amount collected will after meeting interest on debenture loan and repayment of the advance due to Government and after meeting necessary capital expenditure will be available for the formation of a Sinking Fund.

Please see answer to the above. The question is by no means clear.

They have not yet been able to do so.

MR. O. V. RAJAGOPAL, K. G. F.—

Q.—10. Will the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore be pleased to state if any action has been taken on the memorial submitted to Mr. A. R. Banerji, Dewan of Mysore, on the occasion of his first official visit to the Gold Fields on the reconstitution of the Sanitary Board and if not, whether the memorial will have its due consideration in the near future?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.

A.—It was found inadvisable to constitute the Sanitary Board area into a Municipality, but steps have been taken to increase popular representation in the Board. (*Vide* Notification No. L. 7846—Ml. 156-21-21, dated 2nd April 1924.)

MR. S. HAMPAIYA, SIDLAGHATTA.—

Q.—11. Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:—

(*a*) What is the total area in acres on which mulberry is cultivated in the State per annum?